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Director's Message Hubert F. Harrell

The Academy continues to press forward with its mission even though it has and continues to experience a decline in revenues contributed by fees and fines. We have made the legislature aware of the criticality of the problem but so far there has been no relief in sight. Be that as it may, our staff is maintaining a high level of commitment to the field and there has been no decline in the number of candidates we are expected to train. It has been a constant strain on the entire staff to meet the demands of the field, but most understand the delay of entry fostered by this demand.

We have just undergone an agency wide survey of the staff to get an idea of possible concerns. There, of course, were the usual concerns including low pay, low morale, lack of communications, and no opportunities for advancement. There is no simple answer to any of

these problems since the effects are felt agency wide. I have agreed that the pay is lower than the staff deserves since their hard work and dedication are so obvious and that will be addressed in our next year's budget. Morale is something I can do very little about since that is situation driven. I would hope that everyone is at least pleased with their employment situation, but I can't speak for everyone. Communications, on the other hand can be improved and we are taking steps to insure that minutes of our staff meetings and any other information we may have that affects the work environment is shared with the entire staff through email.

We have hopefully turned the corner on building repairs and renovations. It takes a tremendous amount of hard work on the part of the facilities staff to maintain this forty year old structure and 293 acres of land but they



manage to get the job done. Bruce Clonts, John Mincy and Lennie Hicks have pushed hard to provide a safe and habitable environment for us and our students and we appreciate their hard work.

Bernard Shirer and Margie Manis along with their food service staff have distinguished themselves for the wonderful meals they prepare.

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Director's Message Continued

I have been asked why the classes are filling up so quickly. That is a matter of perception since we have seen the same steady flow of candidates for the last year due to what we believe to be several causes. The first was the scare over changes to the retirement system. A great many officers retired because of the belief that they would not receive the same benefit that was and continues to be available. The change in the system did place restrictions on earnings of officers retiring at the earliest possible age and limited them to only ten thousand in retirement pay if they returned to work in law enforcement. They had to be replaced by either new candidates, or officers already certified. In either case someone was going to have to be trained to replace them. The second cause was many agencies moving experienced officers to SRO slots to protect our schools or hiring uncertified persons to fill those newly created slots. Some of those candidates were registered over six months ago and are just arriving. First come first served. We have had to reduce class slots due to safety concerns, but the candidates we train are top notch when they graduate.

We continue to encourage suggestions and ideas from the field about how we might improve our training. We have standardized our passing scores in the written PPCT exam to reflect the same standards as other tests given in the Academy. Hopefully we can reduce failures in this area and allow the students to concentrate more on the practical side of training.

I would like to personally thank those Chiefs, Sheriffs and Detention Center Directors who offer me encouragement and advice so that the Academy can continue to improve. We are one of the best law enforcement training academies in the country and we continue to provide our communities with a safer environment through sound law enforcement principles. This is your Academy.

DUI/SFST Instructors

As a DUI/SFST Instructor there are specific recertification requirements that you must meet to maintain your certification. There has been some confusion in the field about what those requirements are and the proper way to notify the Criminal Justice Academy when you have met the requirements. Every DUI/SFST Instructor is required to sign off on a minimum of two (2) DUI/SFST proficiency exams during the two year certification period. When an officer requests an instructor to observe a proficiency it is the responsibility of the instructor to go to the SCCJA web page and complete an online proficiency form. This form can be found by going to www.sccja.sc.gov then clicking on the FORMS tab at the top of the page. Once on the FORMS page, scroll down to the Traffic Safety forms and access the SFST Proficiency form. Fill in the pertinent information and click on the "submit by email" or "Submit" button at the bottom of the form. The form will be sent to the appropriate person at the Academy. When the instructor has met the recertification requirements they are required to submit a DUI/SFST Instructor recertification form. This form can also be found on the same page as the SFST Proficiency form. A DUI/SFST Instructor can only recertify during the calendar year that their certification expires. If you have any questions about this recertification process please contact Michael Brantley @ 803-896-7791 or by email at jmbrantley@sccja.sc.gov.

Drug Recognition Expert School

Registration for the upcoming two DRE Pre-school classes has opened in the ACADIS training portal. All agencies are eligible to send deserving officers to this very advanced impaired driving enforcement course. All officers who are enrolled to attend this training must be Class 1 certified and hold the DUI/SFST certification as either a practitioner or instructor. Officers who successfully complete this course will be eligible to be selected to attend Drug Recognition Expert School that begins in late October. If your agency is interested in enrolling any officer in this course and has any questions about the overall process that is involved in earning the Drug Recognition Expert certification please do not hesitate to call Michael Brantley at 803-896-7791.



South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

TSO/TSI Conference 2014

The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy Traffic Safety Unit's Annual Traffic Safety Officer Conference is fast approaching. This year's conference is scheduled to be held July 21 – 23, 2014, at the Embassy Suites in Columbia, South Carolina. There will be a meet and greet Sunday evening, July 20th, for the award recipients. For those who are not familiar with the requirements for either the Traffic Safety Officer or the Traffic Safety Instructor awards they are as follows:

TSO – Speed Measuring Device Operator, SFST, DMT, At-Scene Collision Investigation, Technical Collision Investigation, and Collision Reconstruction.

TSI – SMD Instructor, SFST Instructor, the three previously stated collision classes, Basic Instructor Development, and two of the advanced reconstruction classes (Pedestrian/Bicycle Reconstruction, Motorcycle Reconstruction and/or Commercial Motor Vehicle Reconstruction).

The officers who complete all of the training for either TSO or TSI will be awarded with a plaque, the appropriate pin and other awards for their achievement. All award recipients who live over 50 miles away will receive a complimentary hotel room. The classes are in the SCCJA catalog, so you can check with your training officer for availability. The TSO/TSI award application is on the Academy's website at www.sccja.sc.gov. The deadline for registration is June 30, 2014. If you have any questions contact Chris Kendall at (803)896-7926 or email ckendall@sccja.sc.gov. We are looking forward to another great conference this year.

JP Strom Award Winners January—March 2014



BLE 610
Michael J. Ritchie
SC Department of Health and Environmental

No Photo —Graduation cancelled
due inclement weather.

BLE 611
Shaun M. Lindquist
Georgetown Police Department



BLE 612
Jenna M. Sisco
SC Probation, Parole and Pardon



BLE 613
Alex C. Adkins
Forest Acres Police Department

Bert Friday Award Winners January—March 2014



BJ 335
Johnese S. Boyce
Greenville County Detention Center

Basic Class Information

Basic Law Classes

B 614	January 27—April 18, 2014
B 615	February 17—May 9, 2014
B 616	March 10—May 30, 2014
B 617	March 31—June 20, 2014
B 618	April 21—July 18, 2014
B 619	May 12—August 8, 2014
B 620	June 2—August 29, 2014
B 621	June 22–September 19, 2014

Limited Duty April 28—May 8, 2014

Basic Detention Classes

BD 338	April 14—May 2, 2014
BD 339	May 12—30, 2014
BD 340	June 9—27, 2014
BD 341	July 7—25, 2014

Basic TCO (formerly E-911)

BTOT 185	May 19—30, 2014
BTOT 186	June 9—20, 2014
BTOT 187	July 7— 18, 2014

BASIC LAW SFST DRINKING LAB

With the addition of SFST and Datamaster DMT classes in the new 12 week basic training curriculum, it will be necessary to ask the field to assist us with volunteer drinkers. I believe this training will assist officers in not only DUI detection, but also help officers to recognize when subjects are impaired. This can make a huge difference in what approach an officer will take when handling various situations. We need approximately 250 volunteers per year. I know this sounds like a lot, but that is less than one percent of South Carolina's police population. If you can be of assistance or have any questions please contact Michael Brantley of the Traffic Safety Unit at (803)896-7791 jmbrantley@sccja.sc.gov or Dale Smith at (803) 896-5556 desmith@sccja.sc.gov.

Below you will find a list of dates we need volunteers. We can provide rooms to any volunteer who will need to travel and stay overnight. Alcohol and meals are provided for all volunteers; however, if they desire to bring their own alcohol that is permitted.

Dates for BLE Drinking Lab 2013-2014

April 30th & May 1st 2014
 May 21st & 22nd 2014
 June 11th & 12th 2014
 July 9th & 10th 2014
 July 30 & 31st 2014
 August 20th & 21st 2014
 September 10th & 11th 2014
 October 1st & 2nd 2014
 October 22nd & 23rd 2014
 November 12th & 13th 2014
 December 10th & 11th 2014



Welcome Our New Employees



Arthur Brown
Facilities Management



Rodney Clay
IT Manager



Christine Inabinet
Finance



Carol Summers
Legal Instructor

Congratulations to our Retirees



Mary Brown
Basic Training



Bill Jackson
Facilities Management